

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 4-8, 10, 11 and 14-18 and 20; cancel Claims 2, 3, 12 and 13; and add new Claims 21- 26, all as shown below. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute any originally presented or claims in a continuing or future application.

1. (Currently Amended) A workflow integration system for a collaboration system that allows for sharing of workflow information ~~between among a plurality of~~ collaboration participants, comprising:

a plurality of collaboration participants;

a collaboration server having stored thereon an enterprise workflow;

a workflow server on each collaboration participant having stored thereon a participant workflow, wherein said participant workflow specifies the workflow process information for a project local to that collaboration participant; [[and,]]

a collaboration server having stored thereon and managing an enterprise workflow that includes process information for the combined participant workflows; and

an integration mechanism for allowing said enterprise workflow and said participant workflow to interact with one another logic that allows one of said participant workflows to interact with another participant workflow via the enterprise workflow of the collaboration server, to affect the local projects running thereon.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The workflow integration system of claim 1 wherein the enterprise workflow and [[the]] a participant workflow may interact communicate through [[the]] exchange of XML data.

5. (Currently Amended) The workflow integration system of claim 1 wherein the enterprise workflow includes at least one process flow lane for each active collaboration participant, and the

action of the enterprise workflow is determined by messages sent to and received from each of said active collaboration participants or a process flow lane of said active participant.

6. (Currently Amended) The workflow integration system of claim 5 wherein the enterprise workflow sends and receives messages directly from [[the]] collaboration participant participants.

7. (Currently Amended) The workflow integration system of claim 5 wherein the enterprise workflow sends and receives messages from [[the]] participant workflow workflows.

8. (Currently Amended) The workflow integration system of claim 7 wherein the enterprise workflow sends and receives messages from [[the]] a participant workflow via a collaboration enabler authorized to communicate with the collaboration sever.

9. (Original) The workflow integration system of claim 1 wherein said integration mechanism allows the enterprise workflow to modify an active participant workflow process.

10. (Currently Amended) The workflow integration system of claim 1 wherein said integration mechanism allows [[the]] a participant workflow to modify an active enterprise workflow process.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for integrating workflows in a collaboration system, comprising the steps of:

storing an enterprise workflow on a collaboration server, wherein said enterprise workflow includes process information for a plurality of participant workflows;

storing a participant workflow on [[a]] each collaboration participant server, wherein said participant workflow specifies the workflow process information for a project local to that collaboration participant; and,

providing an integration mechanism for allowing said enterprise workflow and said participant workflow to interact with one another logic that allows one of said participant workflows to interact

with another participant workflow via the enterprise workflow of the collaboration server, to affect the local projects running thereon.

12-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 including interacting communicating workflow information between wherein the enterprise workflow and [[the]] a participant workflow communicate through [[the]] exchange of XML data.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the enterprise workflow includes at least one process flow lane for each active collaboration participant, and the action of the workflow is determined by messages sent to and received from each of said active collaboration participants or a process flow lane of said active participant.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 including sending messages to and from the enterprise workflow directly to [[the]] collaboration participant participants.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 including sending messages to and from the enterprise workflow to [[the]] participant workflow workflows.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17 including sending and receives receiving messages between the enterprise workflow and [[the]] a participant workflow via a collaboration enabler authorized to communicate with the collaboration sever.

19. (Original) The method of claim 11 including allowing the enterprise workflow to modify an active participant workflow process.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 including allowing [[the]] a participant workflow to modify an active enterprise workflow process.

21. (New) A workflow integration system for integrating workflows of collaboration participants, comprising:

    a plurality of collaboration participants;

    a workflow server on each collaboration participant having stored thereon a participant workflow, wherein said participant workflow includes workflow process information for a project local to the collaboration participant;

    a collaboration enabler at each collaboration participant; and,

    a collaboration server having stored thereon and managing an enterprise workflow that includes process information for the combined participant workflows, and allows one of said participant workflows to interact with another participant workflow via its collaboration enabler and the enterprise workflow, to affect the local projects running thereon.

22. (New) The workflow integration system of claim 21 wherein a participant workflow communicates with a plurality of other participant workflows via the collaboration server.

23. (New) A method for integrating workflows of collaboration participants in a collaboration system, comprising the steps of:

    storing a participant workflow on each collaboration participant server, wherein said participant workflow includes workflow process information for a project local to the collaboration participant;

    providing a collaboration enabler at each collaboration participant; and,

    providing a collaboration server having stored thereon an enterprise workflow that includes process information for the combined participant workflows, and allows one of said participant workflows to interact with another participant workflow via its collaboration enabler and the enterprise workflow, to affect the local projects running thereon.

24. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein a participant workflow communicates with a plurality of other participant workflows via the collaboration server.

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25. (New) The workflow integration system of claim 1, wherein the enterprise workflow and the participant workflows are active before interacting with each other.

26. (New) The workflow integration system of claim 21, wherein the participant workflows are active before interacting with each other.